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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,040,000 head as of March 1, 2009. The latest inventory was up 2 percent from February 1, 2009, but down 1 percent from the 1,050,000 on feed on March 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during February 2009. This was down 3 percent from January 2009 and down 13 percent from February 2008 marketings. An estimated 190,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February, 5 percent below January 2009 placements but up 23 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in February, 11 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 37 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for February, at 5,000 head, was 5,000 head below the previous month but no change from the previous year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below March 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.68 million, 3 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.62 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 538,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million, 5 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during February, 7 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of February since the series began in 1996.